

Claim 6, line 1, change "one of Claims 1 to 5" to --Claim 1--;

Claim 8, line 1, change "one of Claim 6 or 7" to --Claim 6--;

Claim 10, line 1, change "one of Claims 1 to 9" to --Claim 1--;

Claim 11, line 1, change "one of Claims 1 to 10" to --Claim 1--;

Claim 13, line 1, delete "or 12";

Claim 14, line 1, change "one of Claims 11 to 13" to --Claim 11--;

Claim 15, line 1, change "one of Claims 1 to 14" to --Claim 1--.

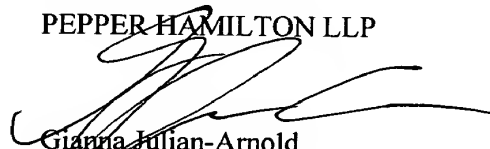
AUTHORIZATION

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required for this Amendment, or credit any overpayment to deposit account no. 50-0436.

In the event that an extension of time is required, or which may be required in addition to that requested in a petition for an extension of time, the Commissioner is requested to grant a petition for that extension of time which is required to make this response timely and is hereby authorized to charge any fee for such an extension of time or credit any overpayment for an extension of time to deposit account no. 50-0436.

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